

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An incubator has a dry analysis element chamber in which  
a dry analysis element is accommodated and held at a constant  
elevated temperature. A pressing member is disposed in the  
5 upper portion of the dry analysis element chamber and presses  
downward a dry analysis element inserted into the dry analysis  
element chamber and a guide member supports the pressing member  
for up-and-down movement along a guide surface. A heater heats  
the guide member to a predetermined temperature. The pressing  
member is in contact with the guide surface of the guide member  
to receive heat from the guide surface and is moved up and down  
along the guide surface in response to insertion and removal  
of the dry analysis element into and from the dry analysis element  
chamber.

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